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Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Cheese Yield Enhancing Method the specification of which was filed on August 8, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/923,358.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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(Number)

Japan

(Country)

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(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Priority Claimed

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Yes

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No

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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